1. Speaker
   * Who is the speaker?

Alexander Pope, the author

* + What is the speaker's point of view?

Narrator

* + Who is the speaker's audience?

The narrator is speaking to himself about a desire, which could translate to a poem written for people who share that same desire.

* + What is the speaker's topic, argument, etc.?

Pope muses how solitude is a release from the overbearing restrictions of society

1. Tone
   * What is the dominant tone in the poem?

Yearning

* + Does the tone of the poem shift? Where? Why?

There is a shift in the last verse, starting with “Thus.” Pope changes from “he” to “I” and “me” in these last few lines. This is where he defines his true intentions of the poem: that he would be able to receive the paradise of serenity he lavishly described.

1. Imagery
   * Using the five senses (feel, hear, see, smell, taste) isolate the main images

Pleasure, silence, nature, air, simple food

* + What is suggested by the use of the image?

The simplicity of being alive

* + Does the image provoke an emotion or idea? How?

Through the use of simple terms, Pope invokes a mindset of complete tranquility

1. Figurative Language
   * Be able to find, discuss, and understand the figurative language used in the poem.
   * Use the list of literary devices that are listed below.
2. Sound
   * What sound elements are the most prominent? Why?

He focuses on silence and peace, since these are integral to his theme of solitude

* + Use the list of literary devices that are listed below.
  + How does the sound element help to reinforce the meaning of the poem?

There are few references to sound in the poem, perhaps to underline Pope’s cause for serene meditation and departure from civilization

1. Theme
   * What is the theme of the poem?

Seclusion is the true path to health, learning, and happiness

* + What is the purpose of the poem?

To express Pope’s longing for solitude and escape from society, and to urge others to consider the negative effects of mass communication

* + How does the poem help to exemplify the theme?

Pope writes the poem as an argument for all the positive effects that isolation brings about. Each stanza is a well-coordinated piece of evidence to support the theme